

IN THE CLAIMS:

1. (Canceled)

2. (Currently Amended) ~~The A method of Claim 1, wherein said method further comprises the step of~~ increasing sodium excretion levels in a hypertensive human subject, the method comprising:

identifying a hypertensive human subject having a II genotype for human angiotensin converting enzyme gene (ACE), wherein the human subject is in need of increased sodium excretion levels;

engaging the human subject in limited exercise training for a period of time sufficient to increase sodium excretion levels in the human subject; and

testing the sodium excretion levels of the human subject following the period of time sufficient to increase sodium excretion levels.